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that I have not been quite satisfied with this delay and I have asked the Director of Industries and Commerce to personally look into the matter and dispose of the applications without any more delay.''

* 940 *Q.*—

Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—'' This question may be taken up to-morrow, Sir.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' Yes.''

Pincha Project in Rayachoti taluk.

* 941 *Q.*—Sri Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the Pincha Project near Mudumpadu village in Rayachoti taluk of Cuddapah district has been completed; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government will take up its construction?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—'' (*a*) Yes, the plans and estimate are being scrutinised by the Public Works Department in consultation with the Revenue Department.

'' (*b*) The Government will take up its construction when the financial position has eased provided the scheme as finally drawn up is feasible and sound.''

Staff attached to Panchayat Officers.

* 942 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the staff sanctioned to each Panchayat Officer;

(*b*) whether the Government have received representation from the District Panchayat Officers to the effect that the staff allotted to them is inadequate to cope with the work including the auditing of the accounts of the panchayat boards under them; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—'' (*a*) The staff allowed for each District Panchayat Officer (I grade) is not uniform and varies with the number of panchayats in the district. Two peons, 1 attender and 2 to 5 Lower Division Clerks are working under each of these District Panchayat Officers. In addition to this staff, a few Upper Division Clerks are employed under some of the District Panchayat Officers. Additional District Panchayat Officers (II grade) and Deputy Panchayat Officers have each been given, respectively a staff of 2 clerks, 1 attender and two peons, and 1 clerk and 1 peon.

'' (*b*) & (*c*) No representations have been received from District Panchayat Officers in the matter, but certain proposals for the sanction of additional staff for attending to the audit of accounts of class II panchayats were received from the